

*The Historie*

Harry to Harry, shall hot horse to horse  
Meet, and ne're part, till one drop downe a coarfe:  
Oh, that Glendower were come.

*Ver.* There is more newes,  
I learnd in Worcester, as I rode along,  
He can draw his power this fourteene dayes.

*Doug.* That's the worst tidings, that I heare of it.

*Wor.* I, by my faith, that beares a frosty sound.

*Hot.* What may the kings whole battel reach vnto?

*Ver.* To thirty thousand.

*Hot.* Forty let it be,

My father and Glendower being both away,  
The powers of vs may serue so great a day.

Come, let vs take a muster speedily,

Doomes day is neere, die all, die merrily.

*Doug.* Talke not of dying, I am out of feare  
Of death or deaths hand, for this one halfe yeare.

*Enter Falstaffe, and Bardoll.*

*Falst.* Bardol, get thee before to Couentry, fill me a bottle of  
Sacke, our souldiours shall march through. Wee'le to Sutton  
cophill to night.

*Bar.* Will you giue me money, Captaine?

*Fal.* Lay out, lay out.

*Bar.* This bottle makes an angell.

*Fal.* And if it doe, take it for thy labour, and if it make twenty,  
take them all, ile answere the coynage, bid my Lieutenant  
Peto meet me at Townes end.

*Bar.* I will, Captaine, farewell.

*Exit.*

*Fal.* If I be not ashamed of my souldiers, I am a sou't gurnet,  
I haue misused the kings presse damnably. I haue got in ex-  
change of 150. souldiers, 300. and odde pounds. I presse me  
none, but good householders, Yemens sonnes, inquire me out  
contracted batchelers, such as had beene askt twice on the  
banes, such a commoditie of warme slaues, as had as lieue heare  
the Diuell, as a drumme, such as feare the report of a Caluer,  
worse the a strooke foule, or a hurt wild-ducke: I prest me none,  
but such tofts and butter, with hearts in their bellies no bigger  
then pinnes heads, and they haue bought out their seruices, and

*of Henry the fourth.*

now, my whole charge consists of Ancients, Corporals, Lieu-  
tenants, gentlemen of companies, slaues as ragged as Lazarus in  
the painted cloth, where the gluttons dogs licked his sores: and  
such as indeed were neuer souldiers, but discarded, vniust ser-  
uingmen, yonger sonnes to yonger brothers, reuolted tapsters,  
and Ostlers tradefalne, the cankers of a calme world, and a long  
peace, ten times more dishonourable ragged, then an olde fazd  
ancient, and such haue I, to fill vp the roomes of them as haue  
bought out their seruices, that you would thinke, that I had a  
hundred and fiftie tottered prodigals, lately come from swine  
keeping, from eating draffe and husks. A mad fellowe met mee  
on the way, and told me I had vnloaded all the Gibbets, and  
prest the dead bodies. No eye hath scene such skarcrowes. He  
not march through Couentry with them, that's flat: nay, and  
the villaines march wide betwixt the legs, as if they had giues on,  
for indeede, I had the most of them out of prison, there's not a  
shirt and a halfe in all my companie, and the halfe shirt is two  
napkins tack't together, and throwne ouer the shoulders like a  
Heralds coate without sleeves, and the shirt, to say the trueth,  
stolne from my host at S. Albones, or the red-nose Inkeeper of  
Dauntry, but that's all one, thei'le finde linnen inough on eue-  
ry hedge.

*Enter the Prince, and the Lord of Westmerland.*

*Prim.* How now, blowne lacke? how now, quilt?

*Fal.* What, Hal? how now, mad wag? what a diuel dost thou  
in Warwickshire? My good L. of Westmerland, I cry you mer-  
cie, I thought your honour had alreadie bene at Shrewsburie.

*West.* Faith, sir Iohn, t'is more then time that I were there,  
and you too, but my powers are there already: the king I can tel  
you, lookes for vs all, we must away all night.

*Falst.* Tut, netter feare me, I am as vigilant as a Cat, to steale  
Creame.

*Prim.* I thinke to steale Creame indeed, for thy theft hath al-  
ready made thee butter: but tell me, lacke, whose fellowes are  
these that come after?

*Falst.* Mine, Hal, mine.

*Prim.* I did neuer see such pitifull rascals.

*Falst.* Tut, tut, good inough toasse, foode for powder, foode